

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

**Summer 2006 Sanctuary Advisory Council Recruitment
for representatives of
Open Seats**

The National Marine Sanctuary Program regards the involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic as vitally important to successfully conserve sanctuary resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the operation of a Sanctuary Advisory Council. Advisory council members serve as ambassadors between the sanctuary staff and the various communities and users adjacent to its boundary. They actively engage their constituencies and work with the Sanctuary staff to resolve issues and concerns. As such, we are looking for highly motivated people who are able and willing to volunteer their time to help us reach out and work constructively with the diverse interests, users and communities that have a stake in the resources of the Sanctuary.

General Commitment/Expectations:

- 1) Sanctuary Advisory Council members serve two-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are not paid. If necessary, travel expenses to and from meeting locations may be reimbursed on a very limited basis.
- 2) Both members and Alternates are expected to attend regularly scheduled advisory council meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), and usually last from 4 to 8 hours during the day on weekdays. Occasional evening sessions and additional meetings may also be scheduled. Meetings are held in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The remaining 2006 meeting dates are scheduled for, but subject to change:
 - Friday May 15 (Santa Barbara) Advisory Council Meeting
 - Friday July 21 (Ventura) Advisory Council Meeting
 - Friday September 22 (Santa Barbara) Advisory Council Meeting
 - Friday November 17 (Ventura) Advisory Council Meeting
- 3) Sanctuary Advisory Council members are expected to actively reach out and communicate to the various constituencies and groups they represent within and adjacent to the Sanctuary. This includes communicating Sanctuary issues and policies to constituents and bringing issues and concerns to the attention of the advisory council and the Sanctuary.
- 4) Attend and participate in Working Group and Subcommittee meetings, as necessary, to gain additional knowledge and discuss specific issues important to their constituencies.

Specific Requirements for Open Seats:**Commercial Fishing (member):**

- Knowledge of and/or experience with commercial fishing within the Sanctuary region
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various commercial fishing activities, organizations and businesses in the Sanctuary region
- Knowledge of laws, policies and practices affecting commercial fishing within the Sanctuary
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from local commercial fishing communities
- Commitment and availability of time to serve as Chair of the Advisory Council's Commercial Fishing Working Group.

Conservation (alternate):

- Familiarity with marine conservation issues and management approaches affecting the sanctuary.
- Experience working with or representing conservation or environmental organizations, especially those involved with marine conservation.
- Ability to communicate effectively with the broader conservation community in the sanctuary region.
- Commitment and availability of time to participate in and assure the continued operation of the Advisory Council's Conservation Working Group.

Public At-Large (member & alternate):

- Familiarity with communities close to the Sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding marine management and resource protection issues in the sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities in the sanctuary; and
- Freedom to express views and cast votes independent of the expectations held by an employer, constituency or other organization to which the member is affiliated.

Research (member):

- Affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in the Sanctuary region;
- Ability and willingness to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and scientists;
- Direct experience with marine research programs;
- Experience, ability and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the research goals of the Sanctuary and the mission of the SAC; and
- Commitment and availability of time to assist with development and operation of the Advisory Council's Research Activities Panel.

Tourism (member):

- Familiarity and affiliation with the coastal and marine tourism industry in communities near the Sanctuary
- Understanding of the links between tourism, Sanctuary resources and human activities
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the coastal and marine tourism industry.